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SUBJECT: EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3849 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: THREE-DAY EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ENDED IN DAR ES SALAAM WITH SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION, CRITICISM OF US, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND SURPRISINGLY WEST GERMANY, JAPAN, AND BRAZIL, AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR ARAB STATES. FEW COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AND IT WAS APPARENT THAT 5 SECTORAL COMMITTEES HAD NOT DONE THEIR HOMEWORK SINCE 1972 CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING 14 COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED AT EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONF. IN DAR ES SALAAM NOVEMBER 22-24: BURUNDI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, MALAWI, RWANDA, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA, UGANDA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA. GABON AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA WERE ABSENT. ALGERIA, EGYPT, GUINEA, AND LESOTHO ATTENDED AS OBSERVERS. MOST LIBERATION GROUPS WITH OFFICES IN DAR ES SALAAM SENT OBSERVERS. FEW COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL AND SOME DELEGATES DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL MID-WAY THROUGH CONFERENCE. ONE OF FEW FOREIGN MINISTERS TO ATTEND-- MUDENDA FROM ZAMBIA-- DEPARTED AFTER OPENING SESSION.

3. FINAL COMMUNIQUE MADE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS (TEXT BEING POUNCHED TO AF/E AND AF/RA):

A. REAFFIRMED SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE, ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, FRENCH SOMALILAND, COMORO ISLANDS, SEYCHELLES, ST. TOME AND PRINCIPE, AND SPANISH SAHARA IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

B. "CONDEMNED UNHOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGAL, RHODESIA AND ISRAEL AS CLEARLY SHOWN DURING RECENT OCTOBER WAR IN MIDDLE EAST. IT ALSO CALLED UPON US, BRITAIN, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, JAPAN AND BRAZIL TO DESIST FROM ASSISTING RACIST MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WARNED THAT CONTINUATION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL COMPEL MEMBER STATES OF EAST AND CENTRAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICA TO TAKE DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC AND ANY OTHER MEASURES CONSIDERED NECESSARY AGAINST THOSE POWERS."

C. "STRONGLY CONDEMNED ISRAELI AGGRESSION COMMITTED AGAINST EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB STATES IN OCTOBER 1973 AND HAILED HEROIC STRUGGLE OF ARAB COUNTRIES TO REPEL ISRAELI FORCES OF AGGRESSION." CALLED FOR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE MEASURES TO FURTHER ISOLATE ISRAEL UNTIL PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE IS ACHIEVED.

4. EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES ESTABLISHED SEVERAL YEARS AGO
5 SECTORAL COMMITTEES--TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION, AGRICULTURE,
TRADE AND TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY, AND HUMAN RESOURCES--WHICH
ARE CHARGED WITH COORDINATING ACTIVITY AMONG COUNTRIES BETWEEN
CONFERENCES. CONCEPT HAS NOT YET BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. MOST
SECTORAL COMMITTEES LAST MET IN FALL 1972 PRECEDING EAST AND
CENTRAL AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE IN DAR ES SLAAM. LITTLE
OR NOTHING WAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER PAST YEAR. HUMAN RESOURCES COM-
MITTEE, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY UGANDA, HAS NOT MET SINCE IT WAS FORMED
IN 1970. OTHER 4 COMMITTEES MET NOVEMBER 19-21 WHEN THEY MADE
SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS, NEARLY ALL OF WHICH CONSISTED OF RE-
QUESTS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES. AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MADE ONE
SUGGESTION, HOWEVER, WHICH CAUGHT IMAGINATION OF CONFERENCE. IN
EFFORT TO COUNTER AFRICAN DROUGHTS, IT RECOMMENDED THAT STUDY BE
UNDERTAKEN ON POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING BUFFER STOCKS AND CREA-
TION OF PERMANENT RELIEF DEPARTMENT WITHIN OAU. AS SHORT TERM
MEASURE, CONFERENCE REQUESTED MEMBER STATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
TO DROUGHT-STRICKEN MEMBERS OF REGION.

5. CONFERENCE CONFIRMED NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT BRAZZAVILLE
IN JULY 1974.

6. COMMENT: EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN CONFERENCE, DUE PARTIALLY
TO FACT THAT IT CAME ON HEELS OF EMGENCY OAU SESSION, WAS EVEN
MORE DISORGANIZED THAN USUAL. IT WAS ALSO WOEFULLY LACKING IN
HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION. ABSENCE OF GABON AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA
EMPHASIZES UNWIELDLY NATURE OF THIS "REGIONAL" GROUPING AND RAISES
SERIOUS QUESTION AS TO WHY SUCH COUNTRIES ARE EVEN INCLUDED.
PERFORMANCE SECTORAL COMMITTEES AGAIN DISAPPOINTING AND WHILE SOME
OBSERVORS DISPAIR COMMITTEES WILL EVER BE EFFECTIVE, OTHERS HOPE
THEY WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IN COMING YEAR THAN THEY WERE IN
PAST YEAR. CRITICISM OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN AND BRAZIL, IN
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